

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**ORIGINAL**

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FRANCIS FOGARTY, JR.,

Plaintiff,

Civil Case No. 15-v-01454  
(GLS/DJS)

-against-

CITY OF TROY and City of Troy Police Officers KYLE  
JONES and ROBERT SMITH, both individually and/or as  
agents, servants, and/or employees of the City of  
Troy,

Defendants

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EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of the Defendant, Troy  
Police Officer **ROBERT SMITH**, held pursuant to notice,  
on January 23, 2017, at 1:40 p.m. in the law offices  
of Bailey, Johnson, DeLeonardis & Peck, PC, Pine West  
Plaza 5, Suite 507, Washington Avenue Extension,  
Albany, New York, before Mary Ellen Tardiff, a  
Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the  
State of New York.

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Also Present:

Kyle Jones

### **S T I P U L A T I O N S**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the attorneys for the respective parties hereto that presence and oath of a Referee be waived;

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that the transcript be signed and that the filing of the original transcript with the Federal Court be waived;

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that all objections, except as to form, are reserved until the time of trial;

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that this

1 deposition may be utilized for all purposes as  
2 provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

3 AND FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that all rights  
4 provided to all parties by the Federal Rules of Civil  
5 Procedure shall not be deemed waived and the  
6 appropriate sections of the Federal Rules of Civil  
7 Procedure shall be controlling with respect thereto.

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10 ROBERT SMITH,

11 having been first duly sworn by the Notary Public, was  
12 examined and testified as follows:

13 **EXAMINATION BY MR. CALABRESE:**

14 Q. Can you state your name for the record?

15 A. Robert Smith, R-O-B-E-R-t S-M-I-T-H.

16 Q. My name is Gennaro Calabrese. I'm an  
17 attorney with the Kindlon Law Firm representing  
18 Francis Fogarty, the plaintiff in this action. You  
19 have had the pleasure of sitting through the entire  
20 testimony of Officer Jones?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And so you heard the rules that I laid out  
23 in the beginning of his testimony?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. So fair to stay that you will let me know  
3 if you don't understand any of my questions?

4 A. Absolutely.

5 Q. And you will let me know if you need a  
6 break?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Have you ever been a named party in a  
9 lawsuit before?

10 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.

11 Q. Have you ever sat for a deposition before?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Have you ever testified as a witness in a  
14 civil trial?

15 A. Yes, in my capacity as a police officer as a  
16 witness to, I believe, an accident several years ago.

17 Q. Okay. So it was a personal injury  
18 accident?

19 A. What exactly it was I don't recall, but yes.

20 Q. Would it be fair to say that neither the  
21 plaintiff or the defendant in that action were police  
22 officers?

23 A. Correct.

1           Q.       Have you testified in criminal proceedings  
2 before?

3           A.       Yes, sir.

4           Q.       And you've testified at hearings and  
5 you've testified at trials, correct?

6           A.       Yep. Correct.

7           Q.       And you testified at grand juries?

8           A.       Yes, sir.

9           Q.       Did you review anything in anticipation of  
10 this deposition?

11          A.       Yes, sir.

12          Q.       What did you review?

13          A.       The package provided to us by Mr. Bailey's  
14 office: Incident reports, some interviews, taped  
15 interviews, surveillance photos, anything that I would  
16 assume you have as well.

17          Q.       Okay. Not including your attorneys, have  
18 you spoken to anybody in preparation for this  
19 deposition?

20          A.       Officer Jones.

21          Q.       Okay. And you discussed with Officer  
22 Jones, you know -- what did you discuss with Officer  
23 Jones?

1           A.       Just get clarity of the incident as to  
2 rehash what exactly we remembered happening four years  
3 ago.

4           Q.       Did you do that on your ride over today?

5           A.       No, we drove over in separate vehicles.

6           Q.       Did you have that conversation with  
7 Officer Jones within the last couple days?

8           A.       Yes.

9           Q.       Okay. Are you currently employed by the  
10 City of Troy Police Department?

11          A.       Yes, sir. I am.

12          Q.       And are you employed part time with any  
13 law enforcement agency?

14          A.       No, sir.

15          Q.       How long have you been employed by the  
16 City of Troy Police Department?

17          A.       Since July 18, 2003.

18          Q.       Were you employed -- have you been  
19 employed by any other law enforcement agencies?

20          A.       No, sir.

21          Q.       What is your current rank with the City of  
22 Troy Police Department?

23          A.       Patrolman, canine handler.

1 Q. Can you tell me when you first observed  
2 Mr. Fogarty?

3 A. It was the date in question which I believe  
4 is the morning of December 23rd, 2012, about 1:25 a.m.  
5 He was running out of the Franklin Street Alley  
6 southbound and went to the south side sidewalk in front  
7 of me as I was driving the opposite direction on State  
8 Street responding to a foot pursuit.

9 Q. What type of vehicle were you in?

10 A. Marked 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe with City of  
11 Troy Police markings and canine markings on the side of  
12 it.

13 Q. You were in uniform that night?

14 A. Yes, sir. I was.

15 Q. What did you do when you first observed  
16 Mr. Fogarty?

17 A. He matched the description of the person  
18 that was given out. Again without having the ability  
19 to hear the radio audio, he matched the description  
20 that was given of a subject in foot pursuit. I pulled  
21 up next to him. Rolled my window down as he was  
22 traveling westbound on the south side of the sidewalk.  
23 Pulled up at a distance of about six to eight feet

1 keeping him just in front of my vehicle with my window  
2 down and gave him verbal commands to stop running or he  
3 would be bit by the dog.

4 Q. The verbal commands, how were they given?  
5 Were you in a window or using something?

6 A. No, I was in the vehicle and I yelled with,  
7 you know, projected voice out the window which was  
8 rolled down. Troy police. Stop running. You're going  
9 to get bit by a dog.

10 Q. What happened next?

11 A. He had some sort of a black object in his  
12 right hand up against the right side of his face. He  
13 turned to his left, spinning around, keeping that  
14 object away from me and back peddled two to three steps  
15 at which point in time he had slowed to a jog/walk  
16 backwards. So I placed my vehicle into park, exited my  
17 driver's door closing it behind me, and put my hand on  
18 the driver's side rear door again giving a verbal  
19 commands: Stop. You're going to get bit by a dog.

20 Q. So when you say he was back peddling, was  
21 he back peddling towards your vehicle?

22 A. Away from me. Away from me. Away from my  
23 vehicle.



1 Q. Did you have your lights on at all?

2 A. I believe so because I was traveling the  
3 wrong way down a one way street. So I would assume,  
4 yep. But do not quote me on that.

5 MR. BAILEY: You just got quoted.

6 A. You got me.

7 Q. All right. Now, could you hear Mr.  
8 Fogarty saying anything at the time that he's in your  
9 view or at the time that you were saying things to  
10 him?

11 A. Correct. He took several steps backwards,  
12 back peddling from me. I had my hand on the rear door  
13 at which point in time if he did not comply and began  
14 to run again, I would deploy my canine partner for an  
15 apprehension. He stopped walking backwards and made  
16 several steps towards me advancing on me at which point  
17 in time he said, fuck you. I didn't do anything wrong.  
18 You're not arresting me.

19 At that point I took his actions coming towards me  
20 as, with those statements, as an act of aggression.  
21 And with him closing the distance on me I took that as  
22 a threat to -- my immediate reaction was not to deploy  
23 my canine partner but to then go to an immediate hands

1 on because he was within a distance to which I could  
2 reach out and physically grab him.

3 Q. Now, you said that he was holding an  
4 object up to, I guess, the right side of his head?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. When he said those things to you, was he  
7 still holding that object to his head?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Okay. At that point in time could you see  
10 what the object was?

11 A. No. I was -- again, it was a dark colored  
12 object that was probably three inches by five inches,  
13 six inches roughly, somewhat concealed by his face and  
14 his movements. We're trained to look at several things  
15 as the evolving situation goes on, one which is hands.  
16 Hands kill, and waist. So every movement starts with  
17 the waist. So I'm trying to watch his belt line which  
18 is where a weapon would be concealed along with his  
19 hands. And the object that was in his hands, which at  
20 that point I perceived as an immediate threat to me,  
21 not knowing what that object was at that point.

22 Q. Can you approximate the distance between  
23 the two of you when you decided to use your person

1       instead of the canine?

2           A.       He closed the distance to somewhere between  
3       five to seven feet.

4           Q.       Okay. All right. So what happened next?

5           A.       At that point in time I made a movement  
6       towards him, stepped one step towards him to initially  
7       continue to close the gap. I then took my right hand,  
8       again giving all verbal commands throughout the  
9       duration of time that I've been -- strike that. You  
10      can't strike that but -- so after the second canine  
11      warning I think gave verbal commands to drop what's in  
12      your hand. Drop the object in your hand. He did not  
13      comply with that.

14           Once the distance was closed, and I stepped in and  
15      finished to close the distance, I reached out to my  
16      right hand. He had a black jacket over a hooded  
17      sweatshirt so I reached out, was able -- he was close  
18      enough I was able to reach around to the back of him,  
19      grab the jacket and hood at the back of his neck, and  
20      use his body weight and my leverage to lift him off of  
21      the ground and place him face first onto the sidewalk.

22           Q.       Does that technique have a name?

23           A.       It may. I do not know it. It was just

1 between training and instinctual action. It was just  
2 this gentleman needs to be put on the ground. He is to  
3 be arrested and he's not complying. My immediate  
4 instinct was to assist him to the ground which is a  
5 normal practice to place people on the ground in a  
6 prone position at which point in time you get their  
7 hands to place them behind their back.

8 Q. Okay. So this all occurs in front of you,  
9 right? So you lift him up. You grabbed him, lift him  
10 up and put him on the ground. This is all while  
11 you're facing him?

12 A. We are facing each other. I reach around  
13 him at which time I turned to my left, pick him up and  
14 in a leftward swinging motion I put him to the ground.

15 Q. What parts of his body hit the ground, if  
16 any?

17 A. He, as I believe an instinctual action,  
18 brought his hands in front of him. So he landed with  
19 his forearms and elbows underneath his body at which  
20 point in time I continued to give verbal commands. Put  
21 your hands behind your back. Put your hands behind  
22 your back. Stop resisting.

23 Q. When you placed him on the ground were his

1 feet extended out or were they tucked in?

2 A. Extended out.

3 Q. Okay. Did you see him hit his head on the  
4 ground when you put him on the ground?

5 A. I do not recall if his head hit the ground  
6 or not. I am not sure.

7 Q. But at no time -- I mean, you didn't flip  
8 him over or anything, right?

9 A. To face me?

10 Q. Meaning that you didn't flip him so that  
11 he landed on the top of his head, right?

12 A. No. His chest, his upper chest area, I  
13 would say, would be the first thing to make contact  
14 with the ground.

15 Q. Okay. Now, at any point in time while Mr.  
16 Fogarty was running, did you see him fall?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. And would it be fair to say that  
19 once you made, once you began to observe him, you  
20 continued to observe him the entire time that the two  
21 of you were in each other's presence?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Okay. Did you hear Mr. Fogarty -- as you

1 sit here today do you now know what the object was  
2 that he was holding in his hand up to his head?

3 A. I know now because after it was taken from  
4 him it was identified to be a phone.

5 Q. Did you hear -- at any point in time did  
6 you hear him talking into the object?

7 A. As it was removed from him he was, he  
8 screamed, mom, mom, which I didn't understand, later  
9 finding out that the object that was slid away from him  
10 was a phone and he had been talking to his mother. But  
11 that was all after the use of force had stopped.

12 Q. So it's your testimony that at no time did  
13 you hear him talking into the phone or did you hear a  
14 voice coming out of the phone before he was on the  
15 ground?

16 A. It would be my testimony that until he was  
17 already frisked and in handcuffs and the situation  
18 deescalated, I had no idea what that object was nor did  
19 I hear any type of verbal communication back and forth  
20 to indicate to me that that was a phone.

21 Q. When he was placed on the ground, did the  
22 object leave his hand or did it stay in his hand?

23 A. It stayed in his hand, his right hand.

1           Q.       All right. So you get him to the ground.  
2       What happens next?

3           A.       I place him on the ground. He's got his  
4       arms underneath him in a manner of some sort to try to  
5       brace his fall. I would assume I reached underneath  
6       with my left hand to get his left hand out from behind  
7       his back. With my right hand pressed in the middle of  
8       his back giving verbal commands: Drop what's in your  
9       hand. Drop what's in your hand. Put your hands behind  
10      your back.

11          Q.       And where were your legs at this point?

12          A.       My legs? I would be somewhat straddling his  
13      left leg standing over the top of him. My waist would  
14      be somewhere around the same waist area as his and I  
15      would be bent over in a manner to try to get his arm  
16      out from underneath him.

17          Q.       At that point were you using your knees  
18      for pain compliance to try to keep him on the ground?

19          A.       My knees, no.

20          Q.       So your knees were not on his body at that  
21      time?

22          A.       No. I was in a bent over position almost to  
23      a three point stance as you would consider it, using

1 his back with my right arm and my feet planted on the  
2 ground as a way to control my body weight in an attempt  
3 to physically remove his left arm from underneath his  
4 body.

5 Q. So you had him -- just to make sure I  
6 understand, so you had him flat on the ground. You're  
7 next to his body. And you're trying to take his hand  
8 from underneath so you can put him handcuffs?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. What happened next?

11 A. He failed to comply with all of those  
12 commands to drop the object that was in his hand. His  
13 right hand at this point had come out from underneath  
14 his body but, again, was clenched up in an area  
15 somewhat next to his head with that black object still  
16 in his hand. At which point in time I turned my  
17 attention to the biggest threat at that point in time  
18 which was the object that was in his hand. Whatever  
19 this object was at this point could be considered a  
20 weapon and used against me in a manner that could  
21 severely injure me or cause imminent death.

22 Q. All right. So what happened next?

23 A. I somewhat pushed off to disengage because



1 at that point in time, again, with that object, not  
2 knowing what it is -- we get officer safety on a  
3 regular basis of objects that appear to be phones that  
4 are handguns and/or have trigger objects that can  
5 protrude a sharp object from them, a knife. So I'm  
6 taking that as a threat. I pushed off to almost  
7 disengage because at this point I feel that I'm at a  
8 disadvantage with whatever it is he has and I have only  
9 my, my hands. So I'm at a disadvantage because he  
10 already has something in his hand.

11 I was going to go to either canine or firearm and  
12 give verbal commands at gun point. Just before I do  
13 that Officer Jones comes into the picture which then  
14 gives us the, ups the ante, per say, and brings us more  
15 to an even level because I could control one arm and he  
16 could control the other arm at that point.

17 Q. When Officer Jones approached, was Mr.  
18 Fogarty still on the ground?

19 A. Mr. Fogarty was on the ground using both  
20 hands. One that I could not retract from underneath  
21 his body and the hand with his object almost in a push  
22 up movement to try to stand up and use his legs,  
23 kicking his legs to try to get him -- almost like

1 you're doing a push up to try to get up and get away  
2 from me.

3 Q. When Officer Jones arrived were his legs  
4 flat out or was he kind of up on his knees?

5 A. Again, his legs and knees were behind me so  
6 I couldn't. I was more focused on upper body, object  
7 in hand. I know his legs were moving and I know his  
8 upper body kept attempting to get up. From the  
9 position that I put him on the ground to the position  
10 where he was actually placed in handcuffs, his body had  
11 moved two to three feet during the struggle that  
12 ensued.

13 Q. Would it be fair to say that at all times  
14 his body was parallel to the ground?

15 A. Yes. Parallel or at any point in time his  
16 knees may have come underneath him or he may have been  
17 on the balls of his feet in an attempt to stand. But  
18 at no point in time was he standing up perpendicular to  
19 the ground in an attempt to run. He was always in a  
20 semi prone position.

21 Q. Would it be fair to say at no point he was  
22 kneeling up?

23 A. No. His lower body was always at least, he

1 had at least three points of contact which would have  
2 been both legs and one hand. The other hand may have  
3 come up, but he was at all points in time three points  
4 of contact at a minimum in an attempt push up and pull  
5 himself away from us.

6 Q. At any point in time did he strike you?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. At any point in time did he attempt  
9 to swing at you?

10 A. No, he had no opportunity for that.

11 Q. So is it fair to say you didn't get  
12 injured during the event?

13 A. Just my pride.

14 Q. So Officer Jones, you see Officer Jones,  
15 what happens next?

16 A. Officer Jones comes into the picture. Again  
17 at this point in time I feel more comfortable of  
18 staying hands on and not transitioning to the next step  
19 of force which would be canine and/or firearm. And I'm  
20 more confident that the tools we have on our belt,  
21 hands and/or a baton strike, would be sufficient in  
22 going to take the subject into custody during his  
23 active resistance.

1 Q. Did you know Officer Jones was going to  
2 use the baton?

3 A. I did not.

4 Q. Is it fair to say that with the taser it's  
5 procedure to yell out that you're going to use a taser  
6 before you use it, correct?

7 A. Yes, we're trained. Taser, taser, taser and  
8 then deploy.

9 Q. Is there any similar rule for using a  
10 baton?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you see Officer Jones strike Mr.  
13 Fogarty with the baton?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Did you see where the baton struck  
16 Mr. Fogarty with each baton strike?

17 A. They were both in this general vicinity, his  
18 upper right shoulder area. And there were two fluid  
19 back to back immediate strikes from short distance in  
20 an attempt, I would assume, to gain pain compliance.  
21 And they were, again, in this area. What exactly they  
22 connected with, at no point in time could I see because  
23 I was more focused at this point on my task at hand

1     which was I have his left arm. I needed to get his  
2     left arm behind him. Officer Jones is dealing with the  
3     right side of his body. He can address that issue and  
4     the object.

5             Q.       So it's your testimony that you could not  
6     say whether or not one of Officer Jones's baton  
7     strikes struck Mr. Fogarty's head?

8             A.       From my vantage point and what I was  
9     watching out of the peripheral vision I have, they  
10    struck him in the upper right portion of his body.  
11    Exactly which portions they hit, I am not sure.

12            Q.       Would it be fair to say that once Officer  
13    Jones issued the baton strikes, Mr. Fogarty ceased  
14    struggling?

15            A.       That's correct. Once the two baton strikes  
16    were given, Mr. Fogarty then began to comply. We took  
17    the object of out of his hand, placed both hands behind  
18    his back and place his hands in handcuffs at which time  
19    all use of force ceased.

20            Q.       Just to back up a little bit. At any  
21    point in time did Mr. Fogarty approach your vehicle  
22    when you were still in it?

23            A.       So I pull up. Verbal commands. He, again,

1 spins around to his left, two steps, three steps  
2 backwards back peddling a little bit. I exit my  
3 vehicle. Again, second dog command. That's when he  
4 begins to close the gap.

5 Q. So it's your testimony that he never  
6 approached your patrol car while you were sill sitting  
7 in the driver's seat?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did he ever ask you for help or assistance  
10 prior to the physical contact with him?

11 A. The only statement that I remember him  
12 making was, fuck you. You're not arresting me. I  
13 didn't do anything wrong.

14 Q. Do you know who placed Mr. Fogarty into a  
15 patrol car?

16 A. To the best of my knowledge it could have  
17 been myself and Officer Strock. And I believe he was  
18 placed into the back of Officer Bechard's vehicle.  
19 Officer Jones had already left to go back to his patrol  
20 car when he was placed into a patrol car to be brought  
21 to the police station.

22 Q. Did you have any other interaction with  
23 Mr. Fogarty?

1           A.       Once he was placed in a patrol car and  
2 brought to the police station, I did not.

3           Q.       You haven't seen him since, correct?

4           A.       To be honest with you, I could have but I  
5 don't know.

6           Q.       In your capacity as a police officer?

7           A.       Not in my official capacity, no. I may have  
8 bought groceries in the same line with him behind me,  
9 but I couldn't tell you. I have no idea.

10          Q.       At any point in time did you notice blood  
11 on Mr. Fogarty's head or face?

12          A.       Yes, sir.

13          Q.       All right. When did you first notice the  
14 blood?

15          A.       After he was placed in handcuffs. He was  
16 still laying face down in a prone position. Officer  
17 Strock came up in a marked patrol car as well. He was  
18 working the same detail I was that evening. He came  
19 out. Officer Jones and I were trying to catch our  
20 breath, at which point in time Mr. Fogarty was laying  
21 face down on the ground handcuffed. Officer Strock  
22 asked if he had been pat frisked at this point in time.  
23 We said, no. Officer Strock did that, patted him down

1 for any other weapons incident to arrest. And after  
2 that we noticed that he had blood coming from on his  
3 head that was running on his face and it made a small  
4 drip/pool of blood on the sidewalk where he was face  
5 down.

6 Q. Did you have an idea at that point in time  
7 as to where his injury came from?

8 A. Because the blood was coming from his head,  
9 I knew the injury was from his head, yes.

10 Q. I guess a better way, better question:  
11 Did you know what action caused the injury?

12 A. I did not at that point, no.

13 Q. Would it be fair to say you didn't strike  
14 Mr. Fogarty in the head at any point in time?

15 A. Did I? No, sir.

16 Q. And did you have a baton that night?

17 A. Being in a, having a canine partner, I carry  
18 one of the small expandable batons which was on my belt  
19 that I did not retrieve from.

20 Q. Okay. Do you know who retrieved the  
21 phone, the cell phone, from the scene?

22 A. Like brought it back to the police station?

23 Q. Yes.



1 A. Oh, I'm not sure. I don't know, sir.

2 Q. Do you remember it wasn't you?

3 A. I don't believe I immediately went to the  
4 police station. I was working a different detail. As  
5 far as I know, it was an extremely busy night. I  
6 believe we all had additional calls to go to, and I  
7 immediately went to a different call. And then went to  
8 the station and did my paperwork later. So I don't  
9 recall who took it. I would assume the officer that  
10 transported him, but I am not sure.

11 Q. Okay. The last exhibit was Plaintiff's  
12 Exhibit 5. Are you familiar with these documents?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. It's a supplement to Officer Jones' use of  
15 force report?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And you authored this document?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. Did anybody assist you in authoring this  
20 document?

21 A. Negative.

22 Q. Okay. And do you remember when you  
23 authored this document?

1           A.       I believe I worked until 4:00 a.m. that  
2 morning. So sometime between the time of this and 4:00  
3 a.m. unless I was -- I know I was supposed to work  
4 until 4:00 a.m. If it was that busy I may have worked  
5 a little over. But before the end of the shift and it  
6 was turned over to the supervisor for review.

7           Q.       Do you remember, did you have the  
8 opportunity to read Officer Jones' use of force report  
9 before you wrote the supplemental?

10          A.       I did not because I just recall that it was  
11 a very busy night in the course of events. And he was  
12 dealing with Mr. Fogarty as the arrested person.

13          Q.       Do you remember talking to anybody from  
14 the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office about  
15 Mr. Fogarty's case?

16          A.       No.

17          Q.       And you were interviewed by Internal  
18 Affairs regarding this incident?

19          A.       Correct.

20          Q.       And you were only interviewed once,  
21 correct?

22          A.       Yes.

23                   MR. CALABRESE: All right. I

1 don't have any more questions.

2 Thanks.

3 **EXAMINATION BY MR. MORRISSEY:**

4 Q. Are you familiar with the City of Troy's  
5 use of force policy with regard to baton use?

6 A. With what use?

7 Q. The City of Troy's use, baton use policy?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you witness anything about the use of  
10 the baton that night that was inconsistent with that  
11 policy?

12 A. No, sir. Not at all.

13 Q. Did you find it justified or unjustified  
14 due to the circumstances that you were dealing with?

15 A. Completely justified.

16 Q. And why?

17 A. Actively resisting suspect that had an  
18 unknown object at this point in his hand and we are  
19 trained to use all of the tools on our belt. The next  
20 step from open hand techniques would be escalation to  
21 use of baton for some sort of a pain compliance when  
22 someone is actively resisting and not compliant to  
23 place their hands behind their back.

1 Q. The baton strike that you witnessed, how  
2 many were there?

3 A. Two.

4 Q. And how quickly did they follow in  
5 succession?

6 A. Very quickly.

7 Q. There was no -- it was one right after the  
8 other?

9 A. Strike. Still active resistance. Strike  
10 again.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Then the resistance ceased.

13 Q. And the resistance ceased?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And use of force also ceased?

16 A. Placed in handcuffs. End of use of force.

17 MR. MORRISSEY: Nothing further.

18 (Whereupon the deposition was  
19 concluded at 2:11 p.m.)

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22 Examination by Gennaro D. Calabrese, Esq. 3  
23 Examination by Richard T. Morrissey, Esq. 27



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SS:

COUNTY OF

Albany

I have read the foregoing record of my  
testimony taken at the time and place noted in the  
heading hereof and I do hereby acknowledge it to be a  
true and accurate transcript of same.

P12N  R. Smith  
ROBERT SMITH

Sworn to before me this

28th day of February, 2016.

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Notary Public

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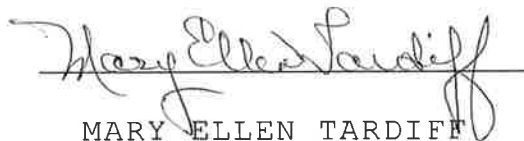
COUNTY OF ALBANY

I, Mary Ellen Tardiff, shorthand reporter, a notary public within and for the State of New York, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that **Robert Smith** was duly sworn by me to testify to the truth in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony then given was reduced by me to stenotype in the presence of said witness, subsequently transcribed into English text and that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the testimony so given.

I do hereby certify that his testimony was taken **January 23, 2017**, at the place as specified in the foregoing caption.

I do hereby further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of any party or otherwise interested in the outcome of this action.

Witness my hand this 31st day of January, 2017.

  
MARY ELLEN TARDIFF

Notary Public for State of New York  
Commissioned in Albany County  
My commission expires 11/07/2018.  
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